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BRYANITES MAD

At President Cleveland Over the Appointment of Davis

AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

For the District of Columbia—The Local Machine Rises Up on Its Hind Legs in Indignant Protest Against the Selection. "Jacksonian" Democrats of the Old Dominion Add Their Condemnation to an Act They Designate as "Rewarding Treachery"—Meanwhile the President Smiles at Their Impotent Rage.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The exercise by President Cleveland of his personal preference in the choice of an attorney for the United States in the District of Columbia has called down upon his head the maledictions of the silver Democrats in the senate and out, and the issue is actually becoming national in its character. The local machine fired off the first pyrotechnics and this demonstration was followed by a remarkable display of temper and pepper by the only true exponents of "Old Hickory's" views of politics and other subjects known as the Jacksonian Democrats with the inter-state Democratic association, composed principally of department officials, as a good third in the list of denunciations. Even the Old Dominion has been heard from by way of Alexandria. The Jacksonians regard the appointment of Attorney Harry Davis, a cold Democrat, to the position as an insult to their patron saint, and to modern Democracy as well, and in the course of the delivery of the association upon the subject, at a recent meeting, the speakers denounced Davis as a traitor, and Cleveland as an apostate. They said they had nothing to urge personally against the appointment, but recognizing the tenacity of the office as the reward of treachery, they could find nothing too bad to say about the President.

The term of the present incumbent of the attorneyship expired yesterday by limitation. Under the law he cannot hold over for a day, and as there is seemingly no power vested in anybody without action by the senate, to make a temporary appointment, the courts of the District can consider no United States cases until the question is settled. So acrimonious has the discussion of Davis become that Senators Gorman and Hill have had to call a halt, and the talk of these peace-makers is now for harmony.

It is urged that if the gold Democrats are ever to be won over to a future union with the "regulars" the abuse of Cleveland must stop, and stop now. Too much has already been said, however, in the opinion of the conservatives, for any approach to harmony in the next four years. The Bryanites, on the other hand, repeatedly state that they shall not be confirmed; that they would prefer a Republican to a traitor, and several of the Republican senators are said to have winked approvingly to the suggestion of a Republican successor.

It is said this evening that the appointment of Mr. Davis is likely to be confirmed to-morrow, but if so it will be by Republicans principally. The unpleasant comments upon the Cleveland wing of the aggregation have been spread over the Union so as to include everybody who opposed Bryan, and the base of it all is that Attorney Davis made speeches in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia against the Republican nominees. The Jacksonians insist that if the author of "By the Eternal" were alive he would endorse their invective against the man, and the supporters of "He is loved for the enemies he has made," and notice is served upon the Palmer Democrats that they may fraternize with the Bryan contingent only upon the Bryanites' terms.

What West Virginia Received.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Francis, of the interior department, has furnished the senate with a statement of the disbursements for the year 1897, made in the states and territories under the provisions of an act to apply a portion of the public lands to the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts. The payments are shown to have increased by \$1,000 each year since 1890. The last installment, for the year ending June 30, 1897, being \$22,000. West Virginia has received since and including 1890, an aggregate of \$148,000.

Pensions to West Virginians.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Pensions have been issued to West Virginians as follows:

Original—Joseph E. Montgomery, Wellsburg; Marshall Gould, Upshur county.

Increase—Thomas Morris, Glimmer county.

Restoration and Increase—William W. Strickland, Kanawha county.

Restoration and Increase—Joseph S. McComb, Moundsville.

Original widows—Mary E. Grim, Marshall county.

Mexican war—Increase to Peter Williams, Greenbrier.

A Political Rumor.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—It is rumored here upon supposed information from Canton, that Henry Clay Evans is to be commissioner of pensions, but the report lacks information from the Tennessee end of the line. It is said by his friends that he will not accept. It may be safely said that in case Representative Hickley falls in election as senator from his state, he will be placed at the head of the pension bureau.

West Virginians in Washington.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Hon. John W. Mason and Col. A. Howard Fleming, of Fairmont, were here yesterday, for that day only, both leaving last night, with Charleston as their objective point. Mr. Mason went by the Baltimore & Ohio expecting to stop at home, and Colonel Fleming took the Chesapeake & Ohio train direct. They will probably have something to say at Charleston about the proposed new county of Augusta.

Mrs. Cleveland's Farewell Reception.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Cleveland's farewell public reception yesterday afternoon drew a large crowd, despite the drizzling rain. The white house was artistically decorated with red and white roses and similar groups of big palms and garlands of vines beautified the state departments. Throughout the reception, which was from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Marine band furnished the music. Mrs. Cleveland was gowned in violet and white striped moire silk, the ladies of deep cream lace. She wore a bunch of violets but no jewelry. Mrs. Stevenson, standing next to Mrs. Cleveland, was richly dressed in black corded silk.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS.

Forecast of the Work to be Done in House This Week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The feature of the week in the house will be the ceremonies on Wednesday on the occasion of the counting of the electoral vote and the formal promulgation of the election of McKinley and Hobart by the vice president of the United States. It is a state occasion, but of a very formal character.

Unless the fortifications or sundry civil bill is reported the house will have no appropriation bill to consider this week and most of the time will be devoted to such bills as the various committees may present, and the conference reports. There are three contested election cases, Beattie vs. Price, from Louisiana; Hopkins vs. Kendrick, from Kentucky; and Sennot vs. Botner, which probably will be decided. In each case the majority report favors the sitting member, a Democrat, and little time will be consumed in disposing of them.

If Senator Morgan pursues his present plan he will move to make up the Nicaragua Canal bill during the morning hour Monday. He expects the motion to be antagonized, and in that event will secure a vote which will, he thinks, demonstrate the voting strength of the canal bill. He expects the motion to be largely in the majority, but whatever the result, he probably will announce his abandonment of the bill for the present session on account of the determined obstruction to its passage, while at the same time he will declare his purpose to press the measure with more determination than ever at the next session.

The withdrawal of the Nicaragua bill at the head of the calendar will leave the way open for taking up other measures pressing for consideration. The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill has already been reported and there will be an effort to secure attention to it Monday. The appropriation bill for the sale of liquor to the Indian and agricultural bills reported by Wednesday and will ask for early consideration. Senator Thurston will seek the first opportunity to conclude his speech on the Pacific railroad resolutions; Senator Morrill has given notice of his intention to advance the bill to prohibit the sale of liquor to the capital and Senator Sherman will abide by his decision to ask the senate to go into executive session early Monday for the purpose of considering the general arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

As soon as these matters will permit there will be an effort to proceed with the bankruptcy bill, and it is not expected that there will be any avowed opposition to consideration.

The proceedings relative to the arbitration treaty will be held in executive session, and will be long and animated.

Wednesday the senate will join with the house to see the count of the electoral college.

Senator Lodge hopes to get up the conference report on the immigration bill as soon as the house acts upon it, which he thinks will be done the latter part of the present week.

PENSION AGENCIES

In the Country Reduced—Large Savings Will be Effectively—It is Claimed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The President has signed, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis, an important order, reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen to nine. The object of the order is to effect a very large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. The secretary demonstrates that by this reduction of the pension agencies the most of disbursing pensions can be reduced by at least \$150,000 per annum. The change was made possible by an amendment to the law governing the disbursing of pension, which amendment was approved March 23, 1896. It required that all pensioners should, after that date, be paid by checks remitted by mail. Reports from the pension agencies in reply to inquiries as to the operation of new law were to the effect that under it the pensioners are paid much more promptly; that the possibility of error is minimized, and that upon the whole it is much more satisfactory to the pensioners than the former law. The agents also advise that the pensioners receive their pensions when remitted by mail at their homes, where, being surrounded by family influences, the pensioners are much more likely to make a judicious disposition of his pension money. Under the previous law many pensioners collected their quarterly payments in person and, under the influence of bad associations, were often induced to apply those payments unwisely and deprive their families of the benefits thereof.

This executive order will go into effect September 1, next, its execution having been postponed until that date, in order that no pensioner should suffer inconvenience in consequence of delay in receiving his pension, and to give ample time for the removal of the rolls and records from the agencies discontinued.

The consolidation was made by uniting existing agencies and the entire jurisdiction thereof in order that no expense should be incurred by the making of new rolls.

Inspection Committee Back.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Representative Dovenor and his colleagues of the rivers and harbors sub-committee, lately on a tour of inspection of southern harbors, have returned. Their opinion of the hospitality extended them and the ladies of the party is expressed by a number of the committee, who said they had difficulty in getting time to eat and sleep in the midst of so great a multitude of congressmen.

Congressman Miller, of West Virginia, has obtained indefinite leave of absence on account of illness. His indisposition is not serious.

Serious Riots in Hamburg.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HAMBURG, Feb. 7.—The riots which followed the recent collapse of the dockworkers strike, the workmen, incensed at the failure of their cause, attacked the laborers as they emerged from the dock buildings, and at Atona and St. Pauli, under serious. Knives and revolvers being freely used. A number of persons have been injured, including several onlookers. Nearly 100 arrests have been made by the authorities. It was 2 o'clock Sunday morning before the large forces of mounted police succeeded in clearing the streets and quieting the people.

Killed With a Pick.

LINTON, Ind., Feb. 7.—Henry McDonald, a miner, was killed here last night by Jesse Maverty, another miner, with a pick handle. They had come to a quarrel in the early part of the evening, and when McDonald knocked Maverty down, they afterwards met when McDonald's son shot six times at Maverty, wounding him. Then Maverty struck McDonald with a pick handle. The blow killed him.

A DIVIDED HOUSE.

The People's Party Don't Know Where "They Are At."

CHAIRMAN WASHBURN'S REPLY

To Secretary Edgerton's Fulmination on Behalf of the Silver Democracy—Washington Can't See Through the Same Rocky Mountain News Spectacles That Edgerton Does—He Says the Populists Must Stand Alone, and if the Deluded Silver Democrats Want to Come to Them They Must Play Second Fiddle—An Interesting Document.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—George F. Washburn, chairman of the executive committee of the People's party of Massachusetts, who recently issued a manifesto calling for the People's party to separate the People's party from the Democrats, and suggested the calling of a convention, which appeal was replied to by Hon. J. A. Edgerton, secretary of the national committee of the People's party, has made the following reply to Mr. Edgerton's letter:

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 7, 1897. Hon. J. A. Edgerton, Secretary People's Party National Committee, Lincoln, Neb.

My Dear Sir—I congratulate you on your very able letter. It is plausible and would do credit to an adroit lawyer with a weak case, but you have not made plain why two parties should force one issue, nor have you reasoned away the actual dangers that threaten the life of our party and reform press.

I do not favor the abandonment of silver or any change in the platform, and my appeal must be construed to mean that you do not distinguish between the planks. We made a subordinate plank, the issue trusting to win by aid of the alliance. In the order of the platform, scientific money comes first. We forced the Democrats to champion silver, but we stand ready to defend it when necessary.

I have received hundreds of letters, coming from nearly every state in the party, and including nearly every leader, and the unanimous sentiment sustains my appeal. Your letter bears the distinction of being the only one opposed, and the Rocky Mountain News the only paper, so far as received.

While I do not ascribe to you the intent, nevertheless, your plan of having an identical issue with the Democrats will result in a union of the Populist lamb and the Tammany tiger, but with the former inside the latter. While it was possible to unite during a fighting campaign, it is not wise to continue the union during an educational one.

Your plan would force us to follow the Democrats under their banner, when we should lead them under our own. Your plan would humiliate our brave people, while mine would inspire and ennoble them. You favor retaining a subordinate plan as an issue. I favor making the main one, which includes yours, the issue.

You favor a plan which would facilitate the party and divide the west, and I favor a plan that would suppress our main planks. I favor a plan that would open them to discussion when the people want to talk about them. You favor a plan that would add thousands of adherents to another party. I favor one that would add thousands of adherents to our own. Your plan for a campaign may be political, but permanent fusion on identical issues means absorption and disintegration for our party. Disintegration from the same cause, killed the Greenback party. Why should we invite a similar fate?

You favor an issue that may be abandoned by the Democrats through some form of compromise. I favor a plan that would not be affected by these changes. You favor a plan that would enable the Democrats to absorb the Populists and pave the way for a union of the two wings of Democracy, leaving the future of reform a forlorn hope. I favor a plan that would force the Democrats to advance to our position, rather than to recede from theirs. You favor a plan that would wreck and ruin all the reform papers of the land. I favor a plan that would preserve and prosper them. Should other questions absorb the attention of the people, or should an international agreement be reached by the Republicans, it would allow the Democrats to change without an issue and afford them an excuse for backsliding.

The issues I favor are the ones that will command the attention of the people during the next four years. Why attempt to force one issue when the people will discuss the others? This move on the part of the Populists will place our party at the head of the column of reform, with the Democrats protecting the rear. Our defense of the greenbacks will add thousands of voters to our ranks.

"The radicals of to-day are the conservatives of to-morrow." If we educate the people between elections on scientific money, metal money will become the conservative measure of the future until the inevitable paper dollar shall finally take its turn and become the money of all nations. The next battle may be fought on scientific vs. metal money.

There will be an informal, unofficial conference in Memphis, Tennessee, on February 22. It will be attended by leaders of the party from every section of the country. I believe the resolutions adopted at that time will be so emphatically in favor of independent action as to lead to official endorsement by our national committee. In calling a separate conference you have unwisely added to the confusion.

GEORGE F. WASHBURN.

Arriving for the Fray.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 7.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Little Rock, Ark., says: Democrats and Populists each had a candidate for sheriff in Lawrence county, this state. Childers, the Democrat, was declared elected by a small majority. Stewart, the Populist, charged fraud. Election commissioners discovered an error and gave the election to Democrat. County Judge Townsend, a Democrat, held that the vote in several districts were irregular and he threw it out and confirmed the election of Childers. Populists and Prohibitionists on one side, and the Childers faction on the other side, are arming and there is fear bloodshed will result.

New Amalgamated Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 7.—Last night Stephen Madden was elected secretary of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers to succeed John C. Kilgallon, deceased. John Williams was elected assistant secretary.

Cut His Brother's Throat.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 7.—William Raasch, aged twenty-four, had his throat cut by his twenty-two-year-old brother, August, in altercation at their home last night. William is dying and August is in jail.

THE HOUSE TROCHA

Firmly Established Against Lobbyists. Fight Over the New County Bill.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 7.—The house trocha is in place. It is not very high nor very wide, but it is a dead line just the same, beyond which the talent of the lobby is not expected to pass. It is not probable that the senate will set up a trocha.

Advocates of the valued fire insurance policy bill are not pleased with the action of the senate committee in turning the bill down, but it will remain turned down in spite of any effort to change its course.

The fight in the house on Saturday over the new county bill was very sharp and determined. If there had been a direct vote the bill would have been defeated. This, the friends of the measure saw, and they maneuvered for the day, desiring to carry it over until some absences could return. In this they succeeded in the main, because it was apparent that Delegate Payne, of Fayette, was ready to talk an indefinite length of time. The bill was made the special order for next Wednesday, on which day it is also a special order in the senate.

Wheeling is well represented by Col. Hugh Sterling, Frank P. McNeil, ex-Attorney General Alfred Caldwell and Col. George B. Caldwell, J. R. Sommer, John A. Howard, Prosecuting Attorney W. C. Meyer and S. G. Smith. Sheriffs G. Pyle, Capt. J. V. Jones and P. L. Blackmore, of Stearns, arrived this evening. Senator Elkins, who has been expecting to come to come to Charleston, finds himself still unable to come. He hopes to be here before the close of the session.

The Ohio county delegation did good work on the bill to authorize the city of Wheeling to appropriate \$1,000 for cabin furnishings for the gunboat Wheeling. The bill was introduced on Saturday, and under a suspension put through to its third reading. Mr. Cotts was not here to plant himself in the way. The bill will pass the senate easily.

C. B. H.

A QUIET SUNDAY

Spent by McKinley—Goff's Refusal Officially Pronounced.

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 7.—The usual Sunday quiet prevailed at the McKinley home to-day. The major went to church accompanied by National Committeeman Charles G. Dawes, Congressman Francis H. Wilson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; White House Executive Clerk Pruden and several other friends.

Rev. William McAfee, of Columbus, occupied the pulpit, having exchanged with Dr. Manchester, the regular pastor. Rev. McAfee was pastor of the Columbus church while Major McKinley was governor and they became close friends. After the services, Mr. Dawes, Rev. McAfee and several local friends dined with the McKintleys, the major and the minister later in the day going to the home of Mother McKinley, for a visit.

Mrs. Maria S. Sexton, who is to be a member of the McKinley household, in the white house, has been seriously ill, and it was feared that she might be unable to go to Washington with the family. She is much improved, however, and unless a relapse is experienced will be one of the special train party. Mrs. Saxton is Mrs. McKinley's aunt, being the relict of the late Thomas Saxton, who succeeded his father in the management of the weekly Repository, and established the Daily Repository, which is popularly regarded as Major McKinley's home organ.

Major McKinley authorizes the announcement that Judge Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, has declined a cabinet portfolio on personal reasons. His declination undoubtedly means that Judge Goff will be a candidate for Senator Faulkner's place.

This leaves the attorney-generalship unfilled. It revivifies talk about John McCook, Henry Clay Evans and St. John Boyle. The presence of Congressman Francis H. Wilson, of Brooklyn, adds his name to the list of cabinet possibilities.

To Break His Will.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 7.—Twenty-nine relatives of the late millionaire Charles C. Hopkins have filed papers in a suit in the circuit court here to break his will. Hopkins died last fall and his will bequeathed his estate to his secretary and his house-keeper, leaving but small bequests to his relatives. They include Charles G. Hopkins, nephew, of St. Louis; Mrs. Blanch Hither, of Saginaw, Mich.; and Mrs. Narcissa Nelson, of Indianapolis. Hopkins was seventy-five years old and unmarried, and his will expressly stated that he had no wife or issue. To his secretary, Thomas M. Barr, he gave outright \$325,000 and to Miss Elizabeth Calvert, his house-keeper, property valued at \$100,000 or more. The petition to set aside the will which was witnessed at the time of being written by ex-Mayor Henry Kumpf, sets forth that Hopkins, being in his dotage, was unduly influenced by Barr and Miss Calvert.

His Dying Statement.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STREUBENVILLE, O., Feb. 7.—Richard Yoder, who was assaulted three weeks ago by Michael Wedham, is dying to-night. His dying statement was taken by the mayor and the Intelligencer correspondent. Needham, who was out on bond, was arrested and will be held for murder. Yoder's skull had been crushed in with some weapon in Needham's hands. The latter laid wait for Yoder after night, and struck him in sight of his own home.

Gen. "Joe" Shelby Dying.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—A special to the Republic from Adrian, Mo., gives the following physician's bulletin of the condition of Gen. Joe Shelby: "General Shelby, on Jan. 10, today was gradually growing worse, his mental faculties almost lost. He scarcely recognizes anyone, and fails to respond to any questions. His temperature, pulse and respiration gradually rising for the last twenty-four hours; at this time temperature 102-1-5 pulse 108. Small amount of expectoration 60 per minute.

Change of Pastor.

DETROIT, Feb. 7.—The Rev. Marcus A. Brownson, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit, today announced his acceptance of a call to the pastorate of the Tenth Presbyterian Philadelphia. Dr. Brownson's present pastorate has lasted eight years, during which time the First church built a fine edifice and nearly doubled its membership.

Pope Celebrates Mass.

ROME, Feb. 7.—The pope celebrated mass this morning before fifty-seven persons, representing different nationalities. Afterward he received Cardinal Marc' Mocenni.

AFFAIRS IN CRETE.

Several Villages Outside of Canea Are Fired

BY TURKS AND MUSSULMANS.

The Turkish Side With the Mussulmans Against the Christians—Fifteen Hundred of the Latter Have Found a Safe Asylum on Board British Vessels—At Halaepa and Retimo the Situation is Serious—Both Sides are Armed.

CANEA, Island of Crete, Feb. 7.—Throughout Sunday the town of Canea itself was comparatively quiet, but the fires, started as a result of last week's conflict between Mussulmans and Christians, have broken out afresh, and several villages in the suburbs are in flames. Outside the walls of Canea, there has been a continuous fusillade since Saturday, the soldiers siding with the Mussulmans.

All of the Christians have left the town. Fifteen hundred Christians have gone aboard the British vessels, while two hundred subjects of France went aboard the French cruiser. The palace of the Christian governor of the island, Georgi Berovitch, Prince of Samos, being blockaded by Mussulmans, Berovitch Pasha accordingly distributed arms with the view of dispersing the besiegers.

At Halaepa, seven hundred armed Christians are facing an armed body of Mussulmans. The situation at Retimo is serious. The insurgents hold the vice consul, the bishop and other notables, being prisoners as hostages. The Turks have already pillaged several villages, and it is feared that the insurrection will involve the whole of Crete.

The Greek squadron has arrived here.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that the Grecian Iron-clad Spetsia and Psara, now being repaired at Toulon, have been ordered to get ready for an expedition to Crete.

The government submitted a measure in the legislative chamber, appropriating 4,000 pounds to the relief of the Cretan refugees at Mito and elsewhere.

A dispatch to the Standard from Athens announces that an Englishman was killed and an Austrian subject wounded during the Cretan troubles.

BUSINESS REVIVING

In the Monongahela Valley—A Number of Industries Starting Up.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 7.—The Pittsburgh Dispatch to-morrow will say: A revival of industry is beginning up to the Monongahela Valley, which, it is expected, will result soon in placing every manufacturing plant in full operation.

The Homestead Steel Works of the Carnegie company, started up full this evening in all departments, giving employment to 4,000 men. Beginning with this evening, the Westinghouse Electric Works at East Pittsburgh, will begin to operate in all departments, on both day and night shifts.

The Westinghouse machine works and the air brake works at Wilmerding will go on full this week. The Edgar Thomson steel works resumed last evening in full in all departments.

The Pittsburgh wire works at Brad-dock, will resume full in all departments this week. The rod and wire department will start to-night and the copper wire and nail departments to-morrow.

The National tube works at McKeesport, are operating to three-fourths capacity, but the firm expects within a few weeks to get all departments on. The Duquesne steel works started up in full last evening. The report is that the business outlook, so far as quantity and work is considered, is good, but that low prices still prevail.

LAWYER BROOKE DEAD.

One of the Most Noted Criminal Advocates of New York Passes Away.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Charles W. Brooke, the noted criminal lawyer, died early this morning, at the S. R. Smith Infirmary, at New Brighton, Staten Island. Mr. Brooke was taken ill on January 26, while conducting the Freeman trial in this city. An examination by his physicians showed that he was suffering from a cancer in the intestines, and that his condition was critical. An operation was performed a few days later, and the patient gave encouraging signs of recovery until yesterday afternoon, when a rapid decline set in.

A further examination showed that apoplexia had begun, and that the cancer had eaten its way through the peritoneum. His condition was then pronounced hopeless, and his son, Charles Lex Brooke, and his brother, Alexander Brooke, were summoned. The latter did not arrive in time, but Charles Brooke was at the bedside of his father when he died. Mr. Brooke remained conscious to the last and suffered greatly.

Charles W. Brooke was born in Philadelphia and was sixty-one years of age. He was a widower and leaves two sons. He has lived on Staten Island for a number of years.

What Canovas Says.

MADRID, Feb. 7.—Prime minister Canovas del Castillo, in an interview announces that the government intends to faithfully execute the proposed Cuban reforms, and that it will not be necessary to wait for the complete pacification of Cuba. He says that it will be sufficient if the rebellion is confined to the western portions of the island. The Marquis of Apezteguia, the leader of the constitutional party in Cuba, in an interview, says that it is doubtful whether the scheme of Cuban reforms will serve to terminate the insurrection. He adds that Captain-General Weyler should not be intrusted with their execution.

Monterey's New Water Works.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 7.—Plans for the first modern sewerage system and water works in the country have been submitted to Monterey for the approval of the governor, in accordance with the concession granted J. A. Robertson, of that city. The plans were prepared by the celebrated sanitary engineer, Samuel M. Gray, of Providence, R. I. The water supply will be brought in from a large underground river, discovered flowing through the mountains ten miles west of Monterey, and the works will cost \$1,250,000 in gold.

"Out of Sight" Bill.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 7.—A grand ball on a glorious scale in honor of President and Mrs. Diaz was given last night at the palatial residence of Pablo Escandon, of the opulent family of that name. It was, in point of importance, taste and display, what the Bradley-Martin event will be to New York.

THE RAILROADS.

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Wheeling Passenger Association will be held this afternoon. Matters in connection with the excursion business on the local lines to the presidential inauguration will probably be considered. The Ohio River road has not yet made a rate to Charleston on the occasion of the inauguration of Governor Atkinson, but it is said that if the local Republican club will go to the inauguration in bodies a rate better than one fare for the round trip can be had.

Change of Officials.

General Passenger Agent W. H. Fisher, of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo road, has sent to local railroad agents, notification of the following changes: L. W. Landman, late southern passenger agent, has been made general traveling agent, with headquarters at Columbus; E. R. Davidson, late northern passenger agent, at Detroit, has been appointed district passenger agent, vice A. J. Richter, resigned, headquarters at Toledo. The offices of northern and southern passenger agents have been discontinued.

TWO TOWN COUNCILS

Is the Spectacle to be Seen Around the Hill in Fulton.

Fulton promises to be in the hands of the enemy—according to "the other fellows"—to-morrow night. The little hamlet around the hill will have the spectacle of two legislative bodies seeking to secure the reins of municipal government, and the spectacle will doubtless be witnessed by as many citizens as can crowd into the town hall, where the fun is scheduled to take place.

The last municipal election took place on January 7, and the authentic returns in full have never been published, nor have the new councilmen taken their seats. The election was hotly contested, and the majority of the old council, including Mayor Hamm and Recorder "Mike" Stein, were defeated. According to the law, the retiring council should issue certificates of election to the newly elected members, but to evade doing this, the old council has seen fit to avoid having a quorum since the election.

The new council saw it was being duped, when it was too late to qualify. Had the members applied to the county judges some time ago, they would have been duly sworn in. Hence the old and defeated—members claim to be the chosen sons of the wisdom.

The recently elected recorder is A. C. Wagner; the mayor, Henry Roth. Politics do not figure in the election. Mr. Roth being a Democrat, and Mr. Wagner a Republican. Mr. Schenk is a member of the old and new councils, and whichever body comes out best, he will not lose his seat.

A BIG WELL

Struck by the Spragg Oil Company on the Ashenhart Farm in Tyler County Late Saturday Night.

Late Saturday night the Spragg Oil Company, of this city, which has been drilling on the Ashenhart farm, in Tyler county, adjoining the Mayfield, got the Big Injun sand. There was a big flow of gas and the oil sprayed over the derrick. The indications were yesterday that the well would be good for 250 to 300 barrels a day.

This was the No. 4 well on the Ashenhart. It was not surprising that a good well was brought in, for the Mayfield field, developed by the Spragg company, has become one of the best in the interior of Tyler county. The Wheeling stockholders of this company are congratulating themselves on the good production just brought in.

A BAD FALL